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SUBJECT: NEXT STEP WITH JORDAN

1. DURING SEPARATE MEETINGS FIRST WITH SENATOR PERCY AND THEN WITH SENATORS INOUE AND MATHIAS IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON HAS SUGGESTED THAT ISRAEL AND JORDAN COULD NEGOTIATE AN INTERIM AGREEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD TEMPORARILY SHELVE THE ISSUE OF THE WEST BANK. ALLON POINTED OUT THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS COULD FOCUS ON THE PRE-JUNE '67 BORDERS, NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE WEST BANK. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SUGGESTED THAT IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION, THE BORDER COULD BE OFFICIALLY DELINEATED, ACCOMPANIED BY SOME COOPERATION IN THE PHOSPHATE FIELD AND AN AGREEMENT FOR AN "OPEN BRIDGE" BETWEEN AQABA AND EILATE FOR THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS.

2. ALLON POINTED OUT THAT THIS COULD ALLOW JORDAN AND ISRAEL TO TALK ABOUT CONCERNS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND HENCE TAKE A CONCRETE STEP TOWARD ULTIMATE PEACE, WHILE AVOIDING THE ISSUE OF THE WEST BANK FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. RE WEST BANK, ALLON REPEATED THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT DEAL WITH THE PLO, THAT THIS WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH ISRAEL AND JORDAN AND THAT EVENTUALLY ISRAEL WOULD SETTLE THIS ISSUE WITH HUSSEIN.

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3. COMMENT: IN A SPEECH AT OPENING OF CONFERENCE ON

MIDDLE EAST AT TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY'S HILOAH INSTITUTE ON
DECEMBER 26, ALLON ALSO INCORPORATED ISMILAR THOUGHTS
(TEL AVIV 7483, PARA 7). THEY APPEAR TO HAVE BECOME A
STAPLE COMPONENT IN HIS INVENTORY OF POLITICAL IDEAS.
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